



Prevention Services Questions

1. What evidence-based services will be included in the Wisconsin prevention services plan?

Some of the prevention plan services include, but are not limited to: Homebuilders, Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers, Nurse-Family Partnership and Motivational Interviewing. In addition, more concrete supports will be available to families that include housing and childcare (biennial budget dependent).

2. How will DCF support the availability of evidence -based prevention services?

The various types of support will all depend on the outcome of the Family First funding request in the 2021-23 biennial budget. DCF will communicate the availability and support for these services as soon as they are available.

3. If a county has qualified evidence – based prevention services, will that county receive any of the IV-E prevention service revenue that DCF will also be able to claim?

At this time, there are some unknowns related to evidence-based services and funding. DCF is working with the office of Legal Counsel and the Budget Office to ensure that where possible DSP has maximum flexibility in distribution of funding. DCF remains committed to working closely with local agencies on the best ways to incentivize, build, support and retain local prevention services that best meet the needs of children and families.

4. As a provider in a rural area, and reviewing the requirements of homebuilders, will there be a plan to address the volume of cases within rural areas without having a few people covering a wide service area?

We are strategizing on how to work with rural areas better. The biennial budget will determine how we can bridge services to help across multiple counties. We will have more information coming on this piece.



5. How is candidacy defined?

Candidacy will be defined in our prevention plan. Each state can define candidacy themselves. This will include in-home that has support and services listed or children who are recently reunified.

6. Is there work being done toward better community service that are culturally relevant to our families?

As part of evaluating evidence-based programs (EBPs) for Wisconsin's prevention plan, there is focus on the ability to meet a family's unique needs and to engage families in culturally relevant services. In addition to EBPs, DCF recognizes that due to variations across the state, the most pressing need for some communities may not be evidenced-based services but may be related to more concrete needs or locally-based, culturally-relevant services led by community partners. DCF encourages local child welfare agencies to consider ways to align existing funding to better support the unique needs of children and families in their communities, strengthening culturally relevant services for families.

DCF currently provides some flexible funding opportunities for local child welfare agencies to focus their services and supports based on unique community needs.